**A RESOLUTION** 

01-R-1650

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRMS OF KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP AND THE PAYNE GROUP, P.C. TO SERVE AS BOND COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER BONDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PAY FEES AND COSTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED PURSUANT TO SAID AGREEMENT; TO RESCIND CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 2-991 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Atlanta provides certain procedures for the selection and recommendation of Bond Counsel for the City of Atlanta to the Atlanta City Council in connection with the issuance of City bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has solicited written proposals from numerous law firms in the City of Atlanta to serve as Bond Counsel for the city in connection with the issuance of Water and Sewer Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the law firms of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP and The Payne Group, P.C. submitted a proposal to serve as Bond Counsel for the City in connection with the Water and Sewer bond issue, and the City Attorney, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, recommends the firms of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP and The Payne Group, P.C. to serve as Bond Counsel to the City in connection with the issuance of the Water and Sewer Bonds.

## NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA **HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:**

Section 1. That the Mayor of the City of Atlanta is hereby authorized to execute a retainer agreement with the law firms of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP and The Payne Group, P.C. to serve as Bond Counsel to the City of Atlanta in connection with the issuance of approximately \$600,000,000.00 in Water and Sewer Bonds.

Section 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to remit payment of all legal fees, expenses, and costs due for legal services rendered by Kilpatrick Stockton LLP and The Payne Group, P.C. in connection with said bond issue, such amounts to be paid from the proceeds of the bond issue; provided that the legal fees authorized herein shall not exceed the sum of \$110,000.00, plus actual expenses incurred by Kilpatrick Stockton LLP and The Payne Group, P.C..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

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